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DETAILED ACTION***Requirement for information.***

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the Examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

(1) a copy of any non-patent literature, published application, or patent (U.S. or foreign) By any of the inventors, or information that was used in the invention process, such as by designing around or providing a solution to accomplish an invention result. In response to the requirement, please provide the title, citation and copy of each publication that any of the applicants relied upon to develop the disclosed subject matter that describes the applicant's invention, particularly as to developing the features of providing A method of processing bid information for an electronic auction comprising the steps of: (a) providing a database of items available for auction; (b) receiving a set of bids from one or more bidders for a corresponding set of items selected from said database, each bid in said set of bids including at least a bid price and a bid ranking specified by a bidder for an item; wherein said bid ranking from said bidder for an item represents a desired order in which a bid is to be resolved in the electronic auction compared to any other bids made by such bidder for other items in said database of items; further wherein said bidder can specify that a set of ranked bids submitted by such bidder for a set of items should be treated as mutually exclusive, such that the electronic auction determines at most a single item to be awarded to said bidder from said set of ranked bids by correlating a ranking relationship between separate items bid on by said bidder. For each publication, please

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provide a concise explanation of the reliance place on that publication in the development of the subject matter.

(2) a working prototype of the invention that can be tested by the examiner. Is the invention currently available commercially? In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter.

(3) trade names and providers of any products or services in competition with the invention.

(4) Identification of the true assignees of the current invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S Felten whose telephone number is (571) 272-06742. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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